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**Agenda item 6: Any Other Matters**

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92<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau of the Contracting Parties to the  
Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment  
and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean and its Protocols

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**Tentative Calendar of UNEP/MAP Meetings and  
Major International Events in 2022-2023<sup>1</sup>**

(As of 31 January 2022)

**SECTION I**

*Legenda:*

	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Governance Meetings</i>
	<i>Main MAP-Barcelona Convention Bodies' Meetings</i>

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2022</b>			
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting	16-17 February	Rome, Italy
SPA/RAC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM	1 March	Teleconference
Secretariat	MedProgramme: CP 1.1 Steering Committee Meeting	16 March	Teleconference
SPA/RAC	Meeting of EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Biodiversity and Fisheries	28-29 March	Teleconference
Secretariat	92 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	24-25 March	Istanbul, Turkey
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting	6-7 April	Split, Croatia
MED POL	Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups (CORMON) on Pollution Monitoring and Marine Litter	11-13 May	Teleconference
MED POL	Marine Litter Best Practices Meeting	17-18 May	Seville, Spain
Secretariat / MEDPOL /SCPRAC	Connecting Seas – Regional Seas Conventions Alliance (within MARLICE)	18 May	Seville, Spain
SPA/RAC	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean region (SAPBIO)	18 May (TBC)	In person (TBC)
Secretariat, SPA/RAC	Steering Committee of IMAP-MPA Project	19 May	Teleconference
SPA/RAC	SPAMI Day Celebration 2022	20 May (TBC)	Monaco
Secretariat	MedProgramme: CP 2.1 Steering Committee Meeting	23 May	Teleconference

<sup>1</sup> UNEP/MAP Meetings and Major International Events are being affected by the measures taken to contain the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Known changes have been incorporated to the extent possible in this calendar.

<b>ORGANIZERS</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
Secretariat	MedProgramme: CP 2.2 Steering Committee Meeting	24 May	Teleconference
Secretariat	MedProgramme: SCCF Steering Committee Meeting	25 May	Teleconference
Secretariat	MedProgramme CP 3.1 Steering Committee Meeting	31 May	Teleconference
Secretariat	23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	1-2 June	Athens, Greece (TBC)
Secretariat	Steering Committee of EcAp Med III	15 June (TBC)	Athens, Greece (or Teleconference)
Secretariat	MedProgramme CP 4.1 Steering Committee Meeting	21 June	Teleconference
Secretariat	MedProgramme Annual Stocktaking Meeting	22-23 June	(TBC)
Secretariat	18 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	29-30 June	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	9 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	5 July	Teleconference
MED POL	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Regional Platform for Marine Litter	6 July	In Person (TBC)
Secretariat	Steering Committee of Marine Litter Med II	7 July	In person (TBC)
MED POL	Three online WG meetings for the three Regional Plans	13-15 September	Teleconference
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	(TBC)
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting	5-6 October	(TBC)
REMPEC	Fifth Meeting of the Mediterranean Network of Law Enforcement Officials relating to MARPOL within the framework of the Barcelona Convention (MENELAS)	October/December	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Regional Workshop to Support the Ratification of the ICZM Protocol	End October (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	4 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM	October (TBC)	TBC
MED POL	Meeting to review regional standards for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and showcase best practices; regional standards on desalination; and standards on pre-treatment of industrial effluents for industries discharging into urban wastewater collection systems	26-27 October	In person

<b>ORGANIZERS</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
SPA/RAC	Meeting of EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Biodiversity and Fisheries	October/November (TBC)	TBC
SCP/RAC	WeMed Award Ceremony	11 November	(TBC)
Secretariat	93 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	15-16 November (TBC)	Athens, Greece (TBC)
REMPEC	First Coordination Meeting on the Mediterranean Strategy for the Prevention of, Preparedness, and Response to Marine Pollution from Ships (2022-2031)	29 November-1 December (TBC)	Malta
MED POL	Meeting to review updated guidelines on uncontaminated inert materials and sharing best practices to support implementation of dumping protocol guidelines on artificial reefs	8 December	Teleconference
Secretariat	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD Steering Committee	14-15 December (TBC)	Athens, Greece
<b>2023</b>			
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting	18-19 January (TBC)	(TBC)
MED POL	2 <sup>nd</sup> WG Meeting for the Three Regional Plans	31 January and 1-2 February	Athens, Greece
SPA/RAC	5 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Groupe of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM	February (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Meeting of the EcAp Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Coast and Hydrography	March (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	Steering Committee of the IMAP-MPA Project	Spring (TBC)	TBC
Secretariat	Steering Committee of EcAp Med III	Spring (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	Steering Committee of Marine Litter Med II	Spring (TBC)	(TBC)
MED POL	Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups (CORMON) on Pollution Monitoring and Marine Litter	3-5 April (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel (ECP) Meeting	25 April	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	16 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD) Thematic Focal Points	May (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat / REMPEC	Fourth Meeting of the Barcelona Convention Offshore Oil and Gas Group	17-18 May	Athens, Greece

<b>ORGANIZERS</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
REMPEC	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Focal Points of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC)	30 May-1 June	Malta
PAP/RAC	PAP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	23-24 May	Split, Croatia (TBC)
MED POL	Meeting of the MED POL Focal Points	23-25 May (TBC)	(TBC)
INFO/RAC	INFO/RAC Focal Points Meeting	May/June (TBC)	(TBC)
Plan Bleu/RAC	Plan Bleu/RAC Focal Points Meeting	24-25 May (TBC)	Marseille, France (TBC)
SCP/RAC	SCP/RAC Focal Points Meeting	May/June (TBC)	(TBC)
MED POL	Meeting to share best practices on implementation of NBB guidelines on diffuse and point sources; and best practices for management of obsolete/in stock chemicals, including on compliance and enforcement	7-8 June	In person
Secretariat	20 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the MCSD	13-15 June	(TBC)
Secretariat	94 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Bureau	20-21 June	(TBC)
Secretariat	19 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Compliance Committee	4-5 July	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Steering Committee of Marine Litter Med II	6 July	(TBC)
Secretariat	Executive Coordination Panel Meeting	10 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	10 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of EcAp Coordination Group	11 September	Athens, Greece
Secretariat	Meeting of the MAP Focal Points	12-15 September	Athens, Greece
PAP/RAC	Mediterranean Coast Day	25 September	TBC
SPA/RAC	6 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ad hoc Group of Experts on MPAs in the Mediterranean AGEM	October (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	23 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Contracting Parties (COP 23)	4-8 December (TBC)	Piran, Slovenia

**SECTION II**

*Legenda:*

*Coordinating Unit's and MAP Components' Technical Meetings/events*

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
<b>2022</b>			
SPA/RAC	Meeting of Online Working Group on EO1 (Habitats)	17 January	Teleconference
SPA/RAC	Meeting of Online Working Group on EO1 (Marine mammals)	26 January or 3 February (TBC)	Teleconference
SPA/RAC	Meeting of Online Working Group on EO1 (Sea turtles)	1 or 2 February (TBC)	Teleconference
SPA/RAC	Regional Training Workshop on MPA Effective Management and Sustainable Financing	7-10 February	Teleconference
MED POL	Meetings of Online Working Groups on EO 10	Mid-February	Teleconference – <i>organized by MED POL in Teams</i>
SCP/RAC	Switchers Products Webinar	February	Teleconference
GFCM and SPA/RAC	Virtual training course on the identification and handling of vulnerable species incidentally caught during fishing operations in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (MedBycatch project and the and the EU Data Collection Framework)	1 February ( <i>marine mammals</i> ); 3 February ( <i>sea turtles</i> ); 7 February ( <i>elasmobranchs</i> ); 9 February ( <i>seabirds</i> ); 11 February ( <i>macroinvertebrates</i> )	Teleconference
SCP/RAC	Workshop to Discuss the Sustainable Construction Policy Roadmap in Turkey	March (TBC)	Teleconference (TBC)
SCP/RAC	The Switchers Event Israel	March (TBC)	Israel
MED POL	Meetings of Online Working Groups on EOs 5 and EO9	17-18 March (TBC)	Teleconference – <i>organized by MED POL in Teams</i>
SPA/RAC	Regional Workshop on Pinna Nobilis Restoration Programme	4 April	Kerkennah, Tunisia or Teleconference
MED POL	Meetings of Online Working Groups on EO 5, EO 9 and EO 10	14-15 April (TBC) 13-14 May (TBC) Autumn (TBC)	Teleconference – <i>organized by MED POL in Teams</i>
SCP/RAC with partners	Plastic Busters MPAs final conference	April-May (TBC)	Athens, Greece

ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
PAP/RAC	CAMP Israel Inception Workshop and Steering Committee Meeting	April (TBC)	Tel Aviv, Israel (TBC)
SCP/RAC, Plan Bleu/RAC	Blue Economy Event - Circular Economy within Blue Economy Sectors	10-11 May	Barcelona, Spain
SCP/RAC – MEDPOL	MARLICE Annual Stocktaking Meeting	18-20 May	Seville, Spain
SCP/RAC	Switchers Talks	May	Online
SCP/RAC	WES Regional Training on microplastics	May-June (TBC)	Teleconference
SCP/RAC/EU Neighbors South	Eyes on Green	June	(TBC)
SCP/RAC	European Development Days – Side Event	June	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	CAMP B-H Final Conference and Steering Committee Meeting	14 September	Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina
REMPEC	Sub regional Workshop and Meeting within the Sub regional Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Greece, and Israel	20-22 September	Israel
SPA/RAC	Marine Key Habitats & NIS Symposia	19-23 September	Genova, Italy
REMPEC	Sub regional Workshop and Meeting with in the Sub regional Contingency Plan between Algeria, Morocco, and Tunisia	18-20 October	Morocco or Tunisia (TBC)
PAP/RAC	CAMP Otranto Mid-Term Workshop and Steering Committee Meeting	Beginning October (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	First Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	October/December	(TBC)
Plan Bleu /RAC ( <i>Interreg Communities</i> )	Final event of the MBPC, Sustainable Tourism and Blue Growth projects	October/November	(TBC)
MED POL	Meeting to review (a) regional standards for urban wastewater and sewage sludge and showcase best practices; (b) regional standards on desalination; and (c) standards on pre-treatment of industrial effluents for industries discharging into urban wastewater collection systems	26-27 October	In person/ Teleconference (TBC)
SCP/RAC	BeMed-Islands: Final capitalization event	October/December	TBC
SPA/RAC	Meeting of the multidisciplinary group of experts on the elaboration of the List of Reference of Pelagic Habitat Types in the Mediterranean Sea	October (TBC)	(TBC)
SCP/RAC	WES Regional Training on Innovative Sustainable Business Models	October/December	Barcelona, Spain



ORGANIZERS	MEETING	DATE	VENUE
SCP/RAC	SwitchMed Connect 2022 (Ecomondo)	8-11 November	Rimini, Italy
SPA/RAC	Mediterranean Biodiversity Funding Conference (Post-2020 SAPBIO Fundraising)	Second half of November	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	Training Course on MSP for the GEF-eligible Countries	November	Teleconference
MED POL	Meeting to review updated guidelines on uncontaminated inert materials and sharing best practices to support implementation of dumping protocol guidelines on artificial reefs	8 December	Teleconference (TBC)
<b>2023</b>			
MED POL	Meetings of Online Working Groups on EO 5 and EO 9 and EO 10	February (TBC)	Teleconference (TBC)
REMPEC	2 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	February/April	(TBC)
REMPEC	Regional Workshop on the Ballast Water Management (BWM) Convention and Regional Expert Meeting on the harmonization of procedures in the Mediterranean pursuant to the BWM Convention	February/March (TBC)	(TBC)
SPA/RAC	Meeting of Online Working Groups on EO1	Spring (TBC)	Teleconference
SPA/RAC	SPAMI Day	15 April	Teleconference
MED POL	Meeting to share (a) best practices on implementation of NBB guidelines on diffuse and point sources and development of related indicators on aquaculture; and (b) best practices for management of obsolete/in stock chemicals (focus on PCBs, POPs, mercury), including on compliance and enforcement	7-8 June	In Person/ Teleconference (TBC)
REMPEC	Tabletop Exercise within the Sub-regional Contingency Plan between Cyprus, Greece, and Israel	October/November (TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	CAMP Israel Final Conference and SC Meeting	October (TBC)	(TBC)
REMPEC	3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting on the development of the Adriatic Sub Regional Oil Spill Contingency Plan	October/November (TBC)	(TBC)
Secretariat	Regional Workshop – Istanbul Environment Friendly City Award	September/October (TBC)	(TBC)
SCP/RC	SwitchMed Connect	(TBC)	(TBC)
PAP/RAC	CAMP Otranto Final Conference and SC Meeting	13 December	(TBC)

**SECTION III****Major International and Regional Events of MAP Relevance**

<b>Organizers</b>	<b>MEETING</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
<b>2022</b>			
WASET	ICMDIS 2022: 16. International Conference on Marine Data and Information Systems	14-15 January	Rome, Italy (digital)
France	The One Planet Summit for the Ocean	9-11 February	Brest, France
EC	Re-think Circular Economy Forum	10-11 February	Milan, Italy
UNEP	Open-Ended Committee of Permanent Representatives (OECPR)	21-25 February	Nairobi, Kenya/Hybrid
UNEP	UNEA 5.2	28 February -2 March	Nairobi, Kenya/Hybrid
UNEP	The Special Session of the Assembly to commemorate the 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Establishment of the UNEP	3-4 March	Nairobi, Kenya/Hybrid
UNECA	Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	3-5 March	Kigali, Republic of Rwanda
UN	4 <sup>th</sup> session of the Intergovernmental Conference on an international legally binding instrument on ABNJ	7–18 March	New York, USA
CBD	24 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA 24), 3 <sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Subsidiary Body on Implementation (SBI 3) and Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework (WG2020-3)	13-29 March	Geneva, Switzerland
UNESCWA	Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	15-17 March	Beirut, Lebanon
Prince Albert II Foundation	Human Health and the Ocean	21-26 March	Monaco
UN	Stockholm +50 Preparatory Meeting	28 March	New York, USA
BRS Secretariat	OEWG 12 of the Basel Convention	4-6 April	Nairobi, Kenya
UNECE	UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	6-7 April	Geneva, Switzerland
Government of the Republic of Palau	Our Ocean Conference 2022	13-14 April	Palau
CBD	15 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the Convention on Biological	25 April – 8 May	Kunming, China

	Diversity (2020 UN Biodiversity Conference)- Second Phase) – Part II (in person)		
UNCCD	COP15	9-20 May	Abidjan, Ivory Coast
EC	Marine Strategy Coordination Group	16 May	Teleconference
EC/DG MARE	European Maritime Day	19-20 May	Ravenna, Italy
UN and Sweden	Stockholm+50	2-3 June	Stockholm, Sweden
UN	2022 World Environment Day	5 June	Stockholm, Sweden
G7	G7 Summit	TBC	Germany
EC	Marine and Water directors Meeting	6 June	Paris, France
IMO	78 <sup>th</sup> Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO)'s Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 78)	6-10 June	London, UK (modality TBC)
BRS Secretariat	2021 BRS Conventions COPs	6-17 June	Geneva, Switzerland/Online
WASET	International Conference on Marine Data and Information Systems (ICMDIS) 2022	12-13 July	Stockholm, Sweden/Online
Governments of Kenya and Portugal	2022 UN Ocean Conference	27 June – 1 July	Lisbon, Portugal
UN	10 <sup>th</sup> Session of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)	5-7 July and 11-15 July	New York, U.S.A
IUCN and CPAWS	5 <sup>th</sup> International Marine Protected Areas Congress (IMPAC 5)	2-8 September	Vancouver, Canada
UN	77 <sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly (UNGA 77)	13-27 September	New York, USA
UNECE	9 <sup>th</sup> Environment for Europe Ministerial Conference	5-7 October	Nicosia, Cyprus
SPA/RAC (co-organizer)	7 <sup>th</sup> Mediterranean Conference on Marine Turtles	18-21 October	Tetouan, Morocco
G20	G20 Summit	30-31 October	Nusa Dua, Bali
UNFCCC	COP 27 of UNFCCC (UN Climate Change Conference)	7-18 November	Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt
GFCM	45 <sup>th</sup> GFCM Session	14-18 November	Albania
Vienna Convention / Montreal Protocol	14 <sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the Vienna Convention / 34 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Parties to the Montreal Protocol	25-29 November	Nairobi, Kenya

IMO	79 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 79)	12-16 December	London, UK (modality TBC)
<b>2023</b>			
G7	G7 Summit	(TBC)	Japan
G20	G20 Summit	(TBC)	New Delhi India
IMO	80 <sup>th</sup> Session of the IMO's Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 80)	3-7 July	London, UK
UNECA	Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	(TBC)	(TBC)
UNESCWA	Arab Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	(TBC)	Beirut, Lebanon
UNECE	UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	(TBC)	Geneva, Switzerland
UN	High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF)	(TBC)	New York, U.S.A